



AZC/RC – Cassette

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Adams, Jean Ekman. *Clarence goes out west and meets a purple horse.*

Clarence the pig visits a ranch out west, but finds he is homesick. When he meets a ranch horse names Smoky, they become fast friends and have lots of fun together. Then comes a crisis when Smoky tells Clarence that the ranch is planning to sell him because he is too old.

Grades K-4

AZC2618

Albert, Richard. *Alejandro's Gift.*

Alejandro lives in the desert in an adobe house with only his burro for company. He is very lonely until his garden begins attracting small desert animals. As Alejandro watches them drink, he devises a plan to provide water for the bigger animals too.

For grades K-3

RC42679

BARD42679

Barry M. Goldwater.

Biography of Barry Goldwater, who was a U.S. Senator for 30 years. Highlights his family history, interest in aviation and electronics, and political accomplishments. The Arizona State Greats biography series is an approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Centennial Legacy Project.

For grades 4-7

DAZ3452

Baylor, Byrd. *One small blue bead.*

Out in the desert sand, a small blue bead rests. How long has it been there? Ten thousand years and a day? Back when a band of men lived in a cave and one old man and a boy dared to dream of other hillsides and perhaps other people in the wide, lonely land: will you be the one to find what they left behind?

For grades 2-4

AZB1875

Baylor, Byrd. *I'm in charge of celebrations.*

A woman living in the desert finds a hundred things to celebrate in the nature around her: she celebrates whirlwinds as Dust Devil Day, her chance meeting with a young coyote as Coyote Day, and mid-August meteor showers as the Time of Falling Stars. For grades 3-6 and older readers

RC27479

Begay, Lisa Shook. *Building a bridge.*

Both Anna, an Anglo, and Juanita, a Navajo, find the first day of school exciting and scary. They are both reservation children but live in different worlds. Blonde-haired, fair-skinned Anna is apprehensive as she boards a bus full of dark-skinned, dark-haired children. "I don't think I'm going to have any friends here," she thinks. Their teacher introduces the girls to each other and to a set of blocks. They play with them, first separately, and then, at Mrs. Yazzie's suggestion, together. "It doesn't matter what color the blocks are, they all fit together," she explains.

For grades K-3.

AZC3140

Begay, Shonto. *Mali and cousin Horned Toad: A traditional Navajo folktale.*

Ma'ii the coyote is hungry, as usual, so he decided to visit his cousin, Horned Toad, who is hard at work in his cornfield. After a delicious meal, Ma'ii decides he wants his cousin's entire cornfield, and tricks and swallows him. But Horned Toad teaches Ma'ii a lesson that he will never forget.

For grades K-3

RC36522

Bessesen, Brooke. *Look who lives in the desert!*

Fascinating facts, humorous sketches and poetry, and often totally silly characters blend in a story which will be enjoyed and shared by children, parents, and educators. Everything from a hawk soaring high and bearing a "Welcome to the Desert Air Show" to the tiny stink beetle who is a Frequent Non-Flyer, and to the jack rabbit with its powerful ears and feet are shown, with many more as well. This book was a selection of the Southwest Books of the Year, 2004.

For grades K-3

DAZ2746

AZC2746

AZB2074

Broach, Elise. *Missing on Superstition Mountain*.

When brothers Simon, Henry, and Jack move with their parents to Arizona, their cat Josie goes missing. Their search for her takes them to the aptly named Superstition Mountain, which the boys explore--despite parental warnings. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

For grades 4-7 and older readers

DB/BARD73309

Buchanan, Ken. *This house is made of mud*.

A child's voice describes an adobe house in the Sonoran Desert. Exquisite watercolor paintings focus on the small dramas of desert life. The text and illustrations work in harmony to create a mood of coexistence between the house's occupants and the natural habitat that surrounds them.

For grades K-3

AZC3130

Capaldi, Gina. *A boy named Beckoning: The true story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero*.

Biography of Dr. Carlos Montezuma (1866-1923), medical doctor and Native American civil rights activist. Recounts the raid by Pima Indians on his childhood village, his sale as a slave, and his adoption by an Italian American photographer who encouraged his education. Based on Montezuma's own words.

For grades 3-6

RC67255

DB/BARD67255

Clark, Ann Nolan. *The desert people*.

A Papago Indian boy tells of life in the desert where his home is called Place-where-waters-meet. He describes his village, the land, the work, and the rituals of his people who try not to forget the way of the ancients who have gone before them.

For grades K-3

AZC1303

Cleere, Jan. *Amazing girls of Arizona: True stories of young pioneers*.

Eleven young women in early Arizona are featured in this history of pioneers starting in 1837. Each of the girls stood out in her own way, showing determination and courage. Starting with Olive Ann Oatman, who became an Indian captive, and ending with Ruth Okimoto, who lived in an internment camp, the stories will amaze the reader. The writer has distinguished herself in the field of historical non-fiction and lives in Oro Valley, Arizona.

For junior and senior high readers

AZC3103

Davidson, Elizabeth, W. *Cheery: the true adventure of a Chiricahua leopard frog*.
Cheery begins life as a tadpole, living in a pond with his brothers and sisters. He eats a lot and grows quickly into a frog. One day, he is scooped up and taken on an exciting adventure.

For grades K-3

DAZ3451

Duncan, Lois. *The magic of spider women*.

It is good to take pride in your work, but Wandering Girl learns what happens when one becomes overproud and tries to do too much of something she is very good at. A Navajo tale.

Grades K-4

AZC2203

Exley, Lynda and Conrad J. Storad. *Arizona way out west and witty*.

Ringtail Johnny Ringo and his sister Jayne describe the fascinating and funny aspects of Arizona's past and present. From amazing animals to frontier foods, they leave no stone unturned. This library edition includes a curriculum guide. An approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Legacy Project. 2012. OneBookAZ for Kids 2012.

DAZ3435

AZB2075

Fields, T.S. *Danger in the desert*.

After a car-jacker inadvertently kidnaps Scott and Robbie as well as stealing their Mom's car, he abandons them in the Arizona desert with no food or water. THE 11 and 9 year old brothers are forced to put aside their bickering and do what they can to survive.

For grades 3-7

AZC2316

George, Jean Craighead. *The moon of the wild pigs*.

As temperatures soar over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the desert, a peccary piglet stands lost and squealing for his clan. July is the hottest and driest time of the year--with violent thunderstorms. These conditions are most extreme in the desert, where the piglet learns the discomfort of aloneness and explores his environment.

For grades 3-6

RC38756

BARD38756

Guiberson, Brenda. *Cactus hotel*.

A description of the life cycle of the giant saguaro cactus, with an emphasis on its role as a home for other desert dwellers.

For grades K-3

DAZ1769

AZC1769

AZB1769

Henry, Marguerite. *Brighty of the Grand Canyon*.

Brighty, a freedom-loving little burro, befriends a kind old prospector. Brighty watches one day as a vicious stranger kills the old man. Years later, Brighty vindicates his friend's death.

For grades 4-7

RC40762

BARD40762

BR10125

Hodgson, Mona. *Bedtime in the Southwest*.

Just like children, baby animals of the Southwest resist going to bed. Rhyming couplets and full-color spreads show what might happen when animal parents tell their children it's time for bed.

For grades preK-2.

AZC2999

Howey, Paul. *Freckles: The mystery of the little white dog in the desert; a true story*.

An account of a dog who kept her six pups alive in the Sonoran Desert until a deputy sheriff rescued them. Describes the challenges Freckles may have faced and discusses how she became a therapy dog. Includes adoption tips and a glossary of desert terms. For grades 3-6

RC59411

BARD59411

Hunter, Sara Hoagland. *The Unbreakable Code*

To comfort a grandson distraught about an upcoming move, an elderly Navajo man tells him about the time that he, too, had to leave their canyon home and, along with hundreds of other Navajo men, came to perform a crucial mission for the U.S. government - to be code talkers. The Navajo language, which had never been written down and was virtually unknown to outsiders, became a secret weapon in preventing the Japanese from intercepting and decoding American radio messages.

For grades 2-4

AZC3138

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese American family are relocated from their California flower farm to an internment camp on an Arizona Indian reservation. She finds solace planting a flower garden, befriending a Mohave boy, and helping her family and neighbors.

For grades 5-8

RC63258

BARD63258

Kloepfer, John. *Zombie chasers*.

Zack, his nerdy, chicken pox covered friend Rice, and his sister's conceited, vegan friend Madison, are on the run from zombies. As they drive from Phoenix to the Tucson Air Force Base, they must avoid the truly gross undead creatures that pursue them. It's entirely possible that a new fast food restaurant is to blame for the zombie nightmare. For grades 3-6

DAZ3418

Krueger, Susan L. *Addie Slaughter, the girl who met Geronimo*.

While Addie Slaughter traveled all over the American West, she spent much of her childhood on a ranch in the San Bernardino Valley of Arizona. Told in the voice of the young pioneer, she describes her family and discusses important events, including the day that the Chiricahua Apache chief Geronimo presented her with a gift.

For grades 3-6

DAZ3440

Krull, Kathleen. *Harvesting Hope: The story of Cesar Chavez*.

Biography of the California migrant-worker hero. Describes how Chavez's family became homeless, hungry farm laborers when he was ten and how, later in life, Cesar organized the National Farm Workers Association to peacefully and successfully protest those miserable conditions. Print/Braille.

For grades 3-6

BR15027

Lacapa, Michael. *Antelope Woman: An Apache folktale*.

A beautiful Apache maiden follows the mysterious young man who has come to teach her people to respect "all things great and small" and becomes his wife.

For grades K-3

AZB1786

Lacapa, Michael. *The flute player: An Apache folktale*.

At a hoop dance the young flute player meets a girl he likes very much. The girl promises to drop a leaf in the river near the field where she works if she likes his song. She does this each day and is sure that he likes her, until the playing stops.

For grades 2-4

AZC1749

AZB1749

Lausten, Heather. *Tori Tortoise turns 100*.

At her 100th birthday party, Tori Tortoise tells the guests about her great journey through Arizona. As she traveled from the desert to the mountains and beyond, friendly animals kept her company and told her the history of each place and the traditions of its people.

For grades 2-4

DAZ3453

Lowell, Susan. *Elephant Quilt: stitch by stitch to California*.

"We're going to see the Elephant!" That's what people say when they head West on a journey promising to be "something powerful strange. Like a real live elephant, but even bigger - stranger - wilder - scarier!" Lily Rose is raring to go. Along the way she'll help stitch her family's adventures into a grand and glorious quilt. Inspired by a quilt sewn by young Mary Margaret Hezlep in 1859 during her journey West, readers will relish this spirited tale with its lively heroine and bold pictures, cleverly designed to include quilted elements. And they'll have fun finding the elephant hidden in the final quilt."

For grades 2-4

AZC3060

Lowell, Susan. *Josefina Javelina: A hairy tale*.

Josefina wants to be a ballerina, but she lives in the desert. When she gets the chance to go to Hollywood, this could be the chance of a lifetime. But be careful for what you wish for! Full-color illustrations add to the charm of this modern fable.

For grades 2-4

AZC3052

Lowell, Susan. *The three little javelinas*

Clarence the pig visits a ranch out west, but finds he is homesick. When he meets a ranch horse names Smoky, they become fast friends and have lots of fun together. Then comes a crisis when Smoky tells Clarence that the ranch is planning to sell him because he is too old.

Grades K-4.

AZC1768

AZB1768

Malotki, Ekkehart. *The Magic Hummingbird: A Hopi folktale*.

An authentic Hopi folktale, "The Magic Hummingbird" relates the story of two children abandoned during a time of famine. A magical hummingbird not only brings food to the children, but gets the help of the God Muy'ingwa to save the people of Oraibi.

All ages

AZC2170

Martin Jr., Bill. *Knots on a counting rope*.

Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses is a young Indian boy who is blind. He loves to hear his grandfather tell the story of his birth, the training of his horse Rainbow, and the exciting horse race in which he participated.

For grades k-3

RC27709

AZB0002

O'Connor, Sandra Day. *Finding Susie*.

One summer Sandra looks for a pet to keep her company on the ranch. She tries to adopt wild animals--a tortoise, a cottontail rabbit, a coyote, and a baby bobcat--but realizes they belong in the desert. Then one day in town, Sandra finds the right pet.

For grades K-3

DB/BARD70152

O'Dell, Scott. *Sing down the moon*.

A historical novel narrated by a Navaho girl and based on the tragedy of the 300-mile forced march of the Navahos to Fort Sumner in 1864. She is soon to marry a handsome warrior and, although she is surrounded by enemies -- Spaniards, American soldiers, and the Utes -- she is unafraid. Newbery Honor Book.

For grades 6-9

RC25275

Rivera-Ashford, Roni Capin. *hip, hip, hooray, it's monsoon day! = Ajua, ya llego el chubasco!*

Bilingual full-color story of the monsoon season in Arizona as seen by little children. Accompanying material includes a glossary of the Spanish words used in the English text. Southwest Books of the Year 2007, Children's Picks.

For grades 2-4

AZC2618

Rucki, Ani. *Turkey's gift to the people.*

Based upon a traditional Navajo folktale, we learn how the animal people banded together in the face of an impending flood. Each animal brought something to help them survive after the flood but only turkey remembered the most important thing.

For grades PreK–2

AZB1920

Schellie, Don. *Kidnapping Mr. Tubbs.*

Two teenagers sneak a very old ex-cowboy out of his rest home for a visit to the ranch where he spent his life. Their trip holds dangers and surprises, not least of which is Mr. Tubbs himself.

For grades 6-9

RC16460

Secakuku, Susan. *Meet Mindy: A native girl from the southwest.*

Fourteen-year-old Mindy describes her relatives and the Hopi and Tewa customs that she and her family still follow in Arizona as part of daily life. Blending traditional ceremonies and modern schooling, Mindy calls herself "a regular American kid."

For grades 6-9

RC60719

BARD60719

Sharmat, Marjorie. *Gila monsters meet you at the airport.*

Clarence the pig visits a ranch out west, but finds he is homesick. When he meets a ranch horse names Smoky, they become fast friends and have lots of fun together. Then comes a crisis when Smoky tells Clarence that the ranch is planning to sell him because he is too old.

Grades K-4.

AZC1434

AZB1434

Skurzynski, Gloria. *Over the edge: A mystery in Grand Canyon National Park.*

Wildlife veterinarian Olivia Landon and her husband, Steven, take their eleven-year-old daughter, Ashley, thirteen-year-old son, Jack, and their teenage foster child, Morgan, to the Grand Canyon, where Dr. Landon is researching the recent deaths of endangered condors. But someone is trying to kill her--and it might be Morgan.

For grades 4-7

RC55713

BARD55713

Steiner, Barbara. *Desert Voices*.

A young girl goes backpacking with her mother in the desert. As they walk, her mother points out plants and tells her about them. Then they sleep under the starry sky.

For grades K-3

RC40989

Storad, Conrad. *Desert Night Shift: A Pack Rat Story*.

This story, told in verse, is set in the Sonoran Desert. Penny, a pack rat, outsmarts some much bigger coyotes. The book includes facts about the Desert Pack Rat and a short glossary.

For grades K-3

AZC2840

Storad, Conrad. *Don't call me pig! A javelina story*.

This fanciful book, written in verse, is told from the point of a javelina, an animal that lives in the Southwestern deserts of the United States.

For grades K-3

AZC2836

Storad, Conrad. *Don't ever cross that road! An armadillo story*.

This story, written in rhyme, is a fun tale about armadillos. An armadillo teacher makes sure that his armadillo students learn the joys and dangers of being armadillos. The back of the book includes a glossary and several pages of factual information about armadillos.

For grades K-3.

AZC2839

Storad, Conrad. *Life in the slow lane: A desert tortoise tale*.

This fun tale, told in rhyme through the eyes of a desert tortoise, helps readers learn the value of slowing down to enjoy life. The book includes several pages of factual information about desert tortoises and a short glossary.

For grades K-3.

AZC2837

Storad, Conrad. *Lizards for Lunch: A Roadrunner's Tale*.

Learn all about roadrunners, that unusual bird of the Southwestern deserts, in this fun book, written in rhyme. The book concludes with several pages of factual information about roadrunners.

For grades K-3

AZC2838

Storad, Conrad. *Rattlesnake rules*.

Uh-oh! Was that a rattle I heard? Maybe it was a rattlesnake just following the rules. Rules? Rattlesnakes have rules?! If these babies shake their rattles, you d better pay attention! Much maligned primarily because they are too often misunderstood, rattlesnakes have gotten a bad rap over the years. The author shows readers why rattlesnakes have rattles and what it means if you hear one. 2010.

AZC3191

Swarthout, Glendon. *Whichaway*.

A story set in the rugged country around Prescott, Arizona. 15-year-old Whichaway, a rancher's son, is wounded and left to die on top of a windmill, 30 feet above ground.

Rerecord of AZC00728. This edition has been slightly revised and updated.

Jr. and Sr. high school readers

AZC2344

Warner, Gertrude. *The Mystery of the Lost Mine*.

The four Alden children investigate the legend of the Lost Dutchman Mine while on a camping trip to Arizona with their grandfather.

For grades 3-6

AZC2287

Watson, Marilyn Myrick. *Raul Castro: Arizona's first Hispanic governor*.

Biography of Raul Castro, who overcame discrimination to become Arizona's first Hispanic governor. Discusses his childhood, education, and his distinguished career as a lawyer, county attorney, judge, ambassador, and governor.

For grades 4-7.

DAZ3446

Watson, Marilyn Myrick. *Frank Luke, Jr.: World War I Flying Ace*.

Biography of Frank Luke, Jr., who grew up in the Arizona Territory and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Service during World War I. He was a courageous and skilled pilot, shooting down many German planes and observation balloons before his death in combat.

For grades 4-7.

DAZ3482

Watson, Marilyn Myrick. *Rose Perica Moffard: first woman governor of Arizona*.

Biography of Rose Mofford, who took the office of Governor of Arizona in April 1988. Highlights her many accomplishments, including a year playing professional softball before devoting herself to work in state government.

For grades 4-7.

DAZ3450

Weber, Ednah New Rider. *Rattlesnake Mesa: Stories from a Native American*. Author's memoir of her school years during the early 1900s at Crown Point Indian Agency in New Mexico and Phoenix Indian School in Arizona. She describes her homesickness; the reeducation, military discipline, and punishment imposed by Anglos; and the new friendships she formed.

For grades 4-7

RC63346

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